services, will not be considered by the Government?

Mr. President : The Secretary has answered that while it cannot be accepted as a matter of policy, in practice, the Staff Selection Board is giving every consideration to that.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*) : If taluk-war basis is taken into consideration, will not there be a cry for village-war, house-war and individual-war representation ? (*Laughter*).

AFRICAN CASHEW-NUTS—IMPORTATION OF.

433. Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether African cashew-nuts are now freely imported into India;

(*b*) whether such unrestricted importation is not detrimental to the interests of cashew-nut growers in the State;

(*c*) whether any efforts have been made to restrict such imports?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is free import of African cashew-nuts into India.

(*b*) When import increases supply, demand remaining the same, the growers will be affected detrimentally.

(*c*) No efforts have been made to restrict such imports.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*) : Will the Government be pleased to address the Government of India in this matter ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I may state for the information of the hon'ble member that the All-India Cashew-Nut Merchants' Association in Madras has already sent a detailed memorandum to the Government of India urging the necessity for a restriction in the import of African cashew-nuts.

There are a good number of cashew-nut curing factories in this part of the country. We have got only one in Cochin State. There is one in Alwaye and another at Quilon. If restriction is imposed, then these factories may have to give up work and thousands of employees working in these factories will have to go without work. That means all labour will be concentrated in the Portuguese and the French portions of India. So we have to consider twice before we take such a measure. Now the matter has already been brought to the notice of the Imperial Government by the Association in Madras.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I know Sir, whether cashew-nut planting industry is not a growing industry in the State ?

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Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It is growing. Even then the factories do not get sufficient supply. That is why import is made from Africa.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): With your kind permission, Mr. President, shall I make a brief statement? I find from statistics that in 1936 while the locally grown cashew-nuts came to 30 thousand tons, the imported ones came to 30 thousand tons. The result is gradually there will be competition and there will be a depression in the prices. Therefore I request that the Government may be pleased to address the Government of India in this matter.

RECONSTRUCTION CENTRE—LOCATION OF.

434. **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** (*Trichur-South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons that have induced the Government to start the Reconstruction Centre in Cherpu rather than in Ollukara farm?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Its better suitability for a centre, having regard to the requirements of such a centre, and the purposes it has in view.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Sir, I would like to know what are the factors that can contribute towards the suitability of a centre, requirements of the centre and the purposes it has in view. The answer appears to be rather vague.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): To explain that, it may require a short speech. If the House is in a mood to hear it at this question hour, I have no objection.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): But for the purpose of explaining the suitability and requirements, it will be necessary.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): You want me then to give all the reasons which make up better suitability. In that case, I think I may have to go very much into the details.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): At least give us a summary.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I will give an abstract. The reasons are (1) the undesirability of having two institutions with different objects and purposes working in the same premises (2) the allocation of outlying villages for the purposes of rural uplift (3) the likelihood of getting honest workers from among the people in the locality and (4) deference to expert advice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether there will not be enough space in the Ollukara farm to locate

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